

**From:** Evan Preisser  
**Subject:** M.S. assistantships in plant-insect ecology

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The Preisser Lab at the University of Rhode Island, as part of an NSF-funded collaboration with Colin Orians (Tufts University), is seeking two highly-motivated students for M.S. work in plant-insect ecology beginning in fall 2017. Full funding for two students will be provided as a combination of research and teaching assistantships, depending on student background and availability. Applicants should be independent, excited to work in a collaborative environment, and possess research, field, and/or modeling experience. Research in my lab addresses predator-prey and/or herbivore-plant interactions; specific research topics have included the population-level consequences of non-lethal interactions between predators and their prey and the effect(s) of interactions between invasive species on eastern forests. Detailed information about the lab is available at [https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=http-3A\\_\\_web.uri.edu\\_preisserlab\\_&d=CwIF-g&c=Ngd-ta5yRYsqeUsEDgxhcqsYYY1Xs5ogLxWPA\\_2Wlc4&r=e2OJ1azRFn8ihJzb2HxZT0AqoiqLvxfeeATyN59ZLoI&m=yL-TvdlnCfNxiz45lqWN-gymvT2oQejUcMMjacSOjvQ&s=hG9IcnbrHB78HgpdcB4s1tL1E6SA0wCXeRACIzh4X4&e=](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=http-3A__web.uri.edu_preisserlab_&d=CwIF-g&c=Ngd-ta5yRYsqeUsEDgxhcqsYYY1Xs5ogLxWPA_2Wlc4&r=e2OJ1azRFn8ihJzb2HxZT0AqoiqLvxfeeATyN59ZLoI&m=yL-TvdlnCfNxiz45lqWN-gymvT2oQejUcMMjacSOjvQ&s=hG9IcnbrHB78HgpdcB4s1tL1E6SA0wCXeRACIzh4X4&e=) .

Prospective students should contact me at [preisser@uri.edu](mailto:preisser@uri.edu); please provide a short description of your research interests and accomplishments, a CV (including GPA and GRE scores), and contact information for three references. I will contact suitable candidates to discuss potential graduate projects and to set up an interview. Formal department review of applications will begin January 1, 2017, but interested students should contact me well before the application deadline.